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### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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<u>Customer Assistance</u>

IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD REGAN, PETITIONER v. JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, RESPONDENT

ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION

BPU Docket No. EC04080899U OAL Docket No. PUC 9933-05

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

#### BY THE BOARD:

On August 27, 2004, Edward Regan (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing in regard to a billing dispute with Jersey Central Power & Light Company (Respondent). On June 23, 2005, Respondent filed a response.

On August 16, 2005, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Elinor R. Reiner.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On March 8, 2006, ALJ Reiner filed an Initial Decision with the Board, memorializing the terms of the settlement and recommending that it be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Under the terms of the settlement, Petitioner agrees to pay Respondent \$615.44 in full payment of his electric service for the period ending December 18, 2003, resulting in a zero balance.

The Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable

While applicable to the pending matter, the Board would note that the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of the parties reflect an incorrect docket number, GC04070614U. Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, with the exception that they be modified solely to reflect the correct docket number, EC04080899U, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 4/13/06

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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# Edward Regan v. Jersey Central Power & Light Company

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INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 9933-05 AGENCY DKT. NO. GC04070614U

EDWARD REGAN,

Petitioner.

V.

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

Edward Regan, petitioner, pro se

Julie Friedberg, Esq., for respondent (Thelen Reid & Priest, LLP, attorneys)

Record Closed: February 21, 2006

Decided: February 28, 2006

BEFORE ELINOR R. REINER, ALJ

On or about August 27, 2004, petitioner filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a hearing in regard to a bill dispute with respondent. On or about June 23, 2005, respondent filed its response. On September 23, 2005, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as a contested case for hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -13

A mandatory early settlement conference scheduled for November 21, 2005, before Judge Edith Klinger was adjourned to January 5, 2006 before the undersigned judge and that conference was rescheduled to November 21, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the OAL. On that date, the parties appeared, settlement conferences were held and a settlement was reached

The parties have agreed to settle this matter and have prepared the attached Stipulation of Settlement, indicating the terms of settlement.

have reviewed the record and the settlement terms and FIND:

- The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement, as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.
- 2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I CONCLUDE that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. I APPROVE the settlement and, therefore, ORDER that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be concluded.

hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

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This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 52:14B-10.

February 28 2006 DATE	ELINOR R. REINER, ALJ Receipt Acknowledged:
3/8/06 DATE	BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
	Mailed to Parties:
DATE	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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